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> **"The UN Agenda on Peace and Justice and the Role of Parliamentarians"** *Strategic Meeting of PGA's Executive Committee* Hosted by the Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations New York, 15 July 2013 – 9 AM-12:15 PM

> > Programme and Invited Participants

I. Objectives

- 1. To study and address the agenda of the UN Security Council on Peace and Justice with emphasis on existing norms, structures and procedures to seek accountability for the most serious crimes under international law to the extent that they constitute threats to international peace and security
- 2. To discuss and propose the role of PGA and Parliamentarians in the upholding of norms, the strengthening of structures and procedures, and the creation of political constituencies at both the international and national levels.

II. Expected Outcomes

- 1. Increase parliamentary support for the ratification of the Kampala Review Conference amendments to the Rome Statute of the ICC on the crime of aggression and war crimes
- 2. Increase parliamentary engagement in support of improved cooperation between the UN Security Council and international accountability institutions, starting with the ICC

III. Programme

9:00 AM	Introductory remarks by Ms. Shazia Z. Rafi, Secretary-General, PGA
	<i>Welcoming remarks</i> by the Chair and Moderator of the Strategy Meeting Amb. Christian Wenaweser , Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations, Former President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC
	Opening statement by Mr. Ross Robertson, MP, President, PGA; Assistant Speaker of New Zealand
9.10	1. <u>The Illegal Use of Force and the <i>jus cogens</i> prohibition to commit aggression – Ratification of the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute</u>
	Dip. Felipe Michelini (Uruguay), Convenor, International Law and Human Rights Programme (ILHRP)

Open Discussion with MPs, UN Permanent Representatives and Experts

	Commentaries by Dr. Ruth Wijdenbosch, MP (Suriname), Deputy Convenor, ILHRP, PGA
	Commentaries by Ms. Irene Addo, MP (Ghana), Deputy Convenor, ILHRP, PGA
10.30	2. The United Nations Security Council and Accountability
	H.E. Amb. Marita Perceval , Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, former Member of PGA and Convenor of the International Law and Human Rights Programme
	Mr. Richard Dicker, Senior Director, International Justice Program, Human Rights Watch
	Open Discussion with MPs, UN Permanent Representatives and Experts
	Commentaries by Mr. Mark Pritchard, MP (UK), Deputy-Convenor, International Law and Human Rights Programme
12.00	3. <u>Conclusions</u>
	Concluding Remarks by Sen. Carlos Cantero (Chile)
12.15	End of meeting

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